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1. India

The US Embassy has a credible report that India's atomic energy chief has been instructed to proceed with 12 of the 18 months' work he thinks required for production of India's first nuclear device. According to the reported plan, a decision to complete the work and to attempt an underground explosion would depend on the Indian assessment of the international nuclear picture at the end of the 12-month period.

2. USSR

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3. Communist China

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4. South Vietnam

Although we have reports that Khanh and other senior military commanders were inclined to compromise with the Huong government, the crisis continues. Ambassador Taylor now hears that Khanh is demanding establishment of a military council which would in effect control the civil government.

5. Laos

A showdown has so far been averted, but political infighting within the regime continues.

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